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and determination in accordance with the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 636 and applicable case law, the court hereby ACCEPTS AND ADOPTS the report and recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge (#18). Accordingly, the plaintiff's motion for judgment on the pleadings (#13) is DENIED, and the defendant's cross-motion for summary judgment (#15) is GRANTED. The Social Security Commissioner's decision is affirmed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: This 8th day of August, 2012.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE